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Dear Mr. Pevec:

This responds to your letter dated February 29, 1996, requesting information on the behalf of the Enewetak/Ujelang Local Government Council. Enclosure 1 summarizes the documents being provided regarding the Enewetak citation which appeared in the report entitled "Human Radiation Experiments Associated with the U.S. Department of Energy and its Predecessors."

Because the Department of Energy does not have a list of those Enewetak individuals who participated in the chromium-51 and tritium measurements, we are unable to provide you their names. However, there are a number of ways which you might be able to obtain the information you seek. One way is to enlist the assistance of the Enewetak community to self-identify those individuals who remember participating in the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) medical missions during the early 1960's. Included in the information we are sending is a document that lists the initials for 23 individuals, including some for whom you are looking. Another method is to contact the 177 Health Care representatives in Majuro who have a complete duplicate set of the BNL medical records. Someone would need to review these records to identify the individuals for whom you are seeking the names.

I hope you find the information attached responsive to your request. If we can assist you in some additional way in your work to identify the names of the individuals, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Hawkins

Director

Office of International Health Programs

Enclosures

cc w/enclosures:
Ambassador Banny de Brum, Republic of
the Marshall Islands

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Joseph McDermott, DOI
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## ENCLOSURE 1

The following documents are provided for your information.

- 1. A report entitled, "Medical Survey of the People of Rongelap and Utirik Islands Nine And Ten Years After Exposure To Fallout Radiation (March 1963 and March 1964)," by the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). The red cell mass and plasma volume studies involving the Enewetak people are described on pages 39 through 41 of this report.
- 2. Forty-four memoranda or letters in which the Marshallese or Dr. Conard of BNL are specifically mentioned or discussed. These documents will also provide you with the names of other investigators and their affiliated institutions.
- 3. Six technical publications by Dr. William Siri or others, describing the use of the radioactive isotope of hydrogen (i.e., tritium) as a clinical diagnostic measurement to determine body mass and fat content. There are also 13 documents on chromium-51 measurement protocol.
- 4. A list of all publications involving Dr. Siri, available at the Coordination and Information Center (CIC), the Federal Government document repository for documents on the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program for both the Nevada and Pacific tests sites. If you wish to obtain copies of any documents on this list, please contact Mrs. Martha DeMarre on 702-295-0848.